GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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Power Shortage due to Monsoon Failure
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of the power shortage being faced/ going to be faced by States like Kerala due to lack of monsoon;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has got any contingency plan to meet this power crisis being faced by various States and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government of Kerala has sought any assistance to address the crisis situation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): As reported by the state to Central Electricity Authority, during (April to November, 2016), the energy shortage in Kerala was 0.2%. The power supply position of Kerala during this year from Apr, 2016 to Nov, 2016 is given at Annex. There are no notified power cuts/restrictions on industrial and agricultural consumers in the state as per information furnished by the state.

(c) : As reported by the states, during the current year 2016-17 (April- November), the demand & supply gap in the country, in terms of energy, has reduced to a marginal level of only 0.7% and majority of the States/UTs are experiencing demand & supply gap of even less than 0.7%. Electricity is a concurrent subject and states make their own plan to meet the power crisis. Central Government assists them if the state gives requisition for such power. Further, Central Government has taken joint initiative to prepare 24x7 Power for All plan for the states to meet their requirements.

(d) & (e) : No request has been recieved from the Government of Kerala, for additional allocation of power from Central Generating Stations. However, total Transmission Capacity between North-East-West (NEW) to Southern region grid has been enhanced by 150 MW i.e. from 6650 MW to 6800 MW. Due to this, 150 MW Long Term Access (LTA) benefit has been passed on to Kerala.

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